

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 25, 2005, has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13-28 are allowed and that claims 2, 6, and 9 contain allowable subject matter.

This Amendment cancels claim 2 and amends claims 1, 6, 9, and 12. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1 and 3-28 are now pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the reasons that follows.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,884,424 (Smith). The limitations of allowable claim 2 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 6, 9, and 12, which previously depended from claim 2, have been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to an alleged lack of antecedent basis for the phrase "the folding mechanism." Applicants traverse this rejection, however, because antecedent basis (in the form of the phrase "a folding mechanism") existed in previously pending claim 2 (and now has been incorporated in claim 1). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.


Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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